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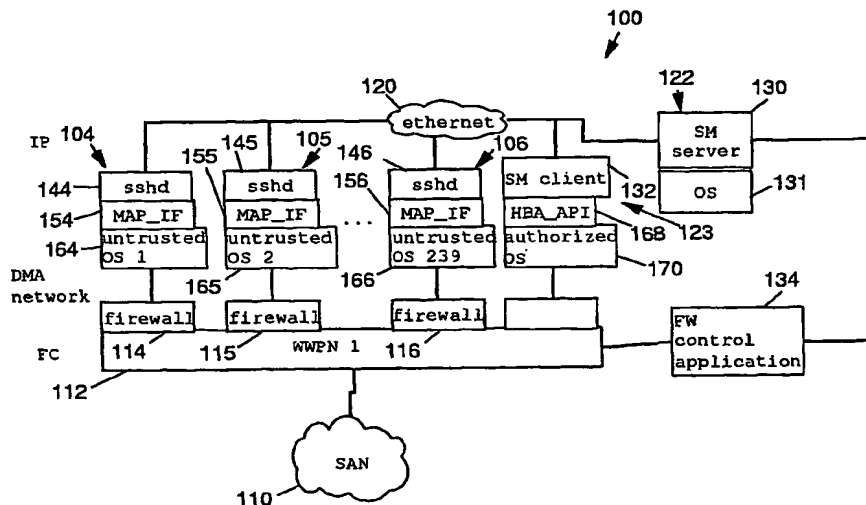
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(57) Abstract: According to the present invention a method and a system is provided for operating a storage area network (SAN) in a server environment in which multiple servers share one Fibre Channel adapter. A SAN Management Server manages regions in storage systems and security, a Fiber Channel Network provides a connection to storage devices, and a plurality of Operating System Images run in said server environment. Furthermore, a trusted SAN Management Client Unit is connected to said SAN Management Server and a Fiber Channel adapter is configured to authenticate said trusted SAN Management Client Unit, whereby the trusted SAN Management Client Unit is configured to issue commands in said Fiber Channel Network in place of each of said Operating System Images.



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